



School Connections

From the Principal's Desk

November 2015

Dates to Remember...

November

- 2 – Fall Book Fair Begins
- 3 – Tasty Tuesday/Home Basketball
Out of Uniform - Spirit Day
- 5 – Preschool Grandparent's Day for 2-Day Classes
- 6 – Grandparents Day 8:00 – 2:00
- 10 – Spell Bowl at NDHS 6:00 pm
- 11 – Reconciliation Parent/child meeting 6:30
7th grade meeting at Knights of St. John 6:30
- 13 – Midterms
- 18 – 7th grade meeting at Knights of St. John 6:00
- 21 – First Reconciliation 9:00 at Church
St. Mary's Flea Market
- 25 – 27 Thanksgiving Break
- 29 – Advent Begins

Basket Ball Schedule

- November 3rd - Home VS St. Lawrence (7th grade)
VS St. Louis (5th and 6th)
- November 9th - Home VS St. Louis
- November 12th - Home VS South Decatur
- November 16th - Away @ St. Bartholomew, Columbus
- November 19th - Home VS Morristown
- November 23rd - Away @ Jennings County
- November 30th - Home VS Rushville
- December 8th - Away VS St. Mary's (Tentative)
- December 10th - Home VS North Decatur

Current Archery Meets

- November 21st - Away @ Tritan Central
- December 5th - Away @ North Decatur
- December 12th - Away @ Nativity Catholic School

Grandparent's Day

- 8:30 – MASS BEGINS**
- 9:30 – CLASSROOMS OPEN**
- 10:45 – LUNCHESES BEGIN**
- 2:00 – GRANDPARENTS DEPART - THANKS FOR SHARING OUR DAY WITH US!!!!**

***Because of the construction, and the need for open areas for bus traffic, we ask that Grandparents arrive after 8:00. We will be concluding the Grandparent activities by 2:00 so that students may get ready for dismissal and traffic areas will be open for bus pick up. Thanks for your help with this.**

Spirit Day!!!

In honor of our first home basketball game.... and Tasty Tuesday....November 3rd is "Spirit Day"! Students can be out of uniform and dress in gold and/or blue or in Knight's wear to show their SPIRIT!!!

Serving for Tasty Tuesday begins at 5:00
 *7th Grade game begins at 6:00
 *5th – 6th grade game begins at approximately 7:00 at the conclusion of the 7th grade game.
 We hope you'll plan on joining us!

Special Programs

During the month of November there are several special programs our students will have the chance to attend.

November 9th – The National Theater for children will present "Space Station Conservation" at St. Mary's for our students.

November 10th – 5th grade students will have the chance to visit the Jr. High to watch students perform the musical "Aladdin"

November 11th and 18th – In the evenings the 7th graders have the opportunity to attend a gathering at the Knights of St. John with their parents. Here they will listen to a presentation entitled "My Best for You."

November 12th – 6th and 7th grade students will go to North Decatur High School to attend a special performance by motivational speaker Jeff Yalden.

More information about these programs will be coming home soon along with permission slips for those activities that will occur at other locations.

Other tidbits...

*If you have been by the school lately, you have notice the construction for the church is coming along nicely. They still expect it to be complete by next summer and we are enjoying watching the progress. As I have mentioned before, every effort is being made to ensure that school is not interrupted and that your children are kept safe. Father John and I attend building meetings on a regular basis, and we have noticed that the contractors do a great job of working in a school setting and maintaining that safety standard. However, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*ISTEP parent letters went home at conferences if you were present. You will notice in the letters that the results won't be available until November. We have not been given a specific date for this release yet, but we will keep you posted if we are given any new information.

*The Fall Book Fair is going on this week! (November 2-6) Profits from the book fair are used to earn classroom books and other supplies. We appreciate your support with this fundraiser.

*Don't forget to check out the new School and Parish websites! You can usually access a lot of information there including menus, school calendars schedules and even some homework!

Sports/Academic TEAMS!

Congratulations to our speech team who competed at Oldenburg this past Saturday, October 31st. All those competing received either a red or blue ribbon. We know you took a lot of time preparing for this event and are proud of you for your hard work. Members of the team include:

The following students will also be representing St. Mary's at events this season:

Cheerleaders:

Neleigha Haley Caroline Kennelly Alli Norton Jenna Nobbe Jenna Kohrman

Coaches: Trish Witkemper and TJ Greiwe and helper Kjerstn Hess

Basketball:

Christian Hensley Adam Koester Nathan Navarra Isaac Tebbe Drew Diekhoff

Leyton Knecht Hunter Koors Max Schwering Kole Stephens Rhett Martin

Eric Stuehrenberg Paul Stuehrenberg Abe Tebbe

Coaches: Brad Fox and Kevin Miller

Speech Team:

Arden Muckerheide Ella Lowe Ella Chapman Macey Smith Kenlee Martin

Christina Fogg Lauren Richards Claire Nobbe Neleigha Haley Natalie Kalinowski

Coaches: Trish Witkemper, Laura Domingo, and Eva Volz

Spell Bowl Team:

Aubrey Kennelly Macey Smith Claire Ginder Bryce Koors Malana Kramer Molly Lipps

Charlie Maloney Kenlee Martin Allison Peetz Evie Vanderpohl

Coaches: Jenny Smith and Sue Myers

We have more than 40 students who will be participating with our Archery Team throughout the year. Those students will be listed in the December Newsletter.

Good Luck TEAMS....WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!!!.